(e) whether there is any plans to bring Cuddapah into the aviation map of India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Cuddapah Airport has a runway dimensions of 3600 ft. X 50 ft. and a small terminal building suitable for operations of Dornier 228 class of aircraft. Recognition of an airport in national level depends upon traffic potential, tourist attractions, commercial activities, etc.

Use of Airports by 50-seater Aircraft in Andhra Pradesh

1028. SHRIV. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the airports which can be used by 50-seater aircraft in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have conducted any feasibility study of different landings and aerodromes in Andhra Pradesh in 1996-97;

(c) if so, the names of all airports, aerodromes, landing facilities other than Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam where such tests have been done;

(d) whether any plan has been drawn up to encourage use of these airports in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) 50 seater aircraft can be operated to Cuddapah, Hyderabad, Rajahmundry, Tirupati, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, and Warrangal airports in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) Indian Airlines operates regular services to Tirupati. Private operators are free to operate services to Vijayawada, Cuddapah, Warrangal and Rajahmundry, keeping in view the economic viability factor.

The private airlines operating domestic routes

1029. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the private airlines operating in domestic routes to carry passengers and the details of such airlines which have closed down their operations;

(b) whether it is a fact that these airlines have been frequently cancelling their flights schedule causing inconveniences to the booked passengers for the day;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these airlines are refusing to fly on the routes other than trunk routes due to economic reasons etc.; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) There are seven scheduled private airlines:—

1. Archana Airways
2. East West Airlines
3. Jet Airways
4. Modiluft
5. Sahara India Airlines
6. Skyline NEPC
7. NEPC

M/s East West Airlines and M/s Modiluft Ltd. are, however, not operating at present.

(b) There have been some complaints in this regard. However, a close monitoring is done to avoid the complaints.

(c) and (d) All scheduled domestic airlines are required to operate in accordance with the route dispersal guidelines laid down by the Government and in case of any shortfall, flights on category I (Trunk routes) are curtailed.